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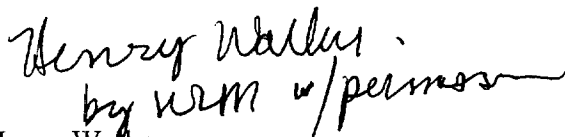
In Re: *Docket to Establish Generic Performance Measures, Benchmarks and
Enforcement Mechanisms for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.*
Docket No. 01-00193

Dear David:

Please find enclosed the original and thirteen copies of a Petition to Intervene filed on behalf of the Association of Communication Enterprises ("ASCENT") in the above-captioned proceeding.

Very truly yours,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

By: 
Henry Walker

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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

April 6, 2001

IN RE: *Docket to Establish Generic Performance Measurements, Benchmarks and Enforcement Mechanisms for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.*
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PETITION TO INTERVENE

The Association of Communication Enterprises ("ASCENT") petitions the Authority to intervene as a matter of right in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310.

The above-captioned docket concerns the development of a common set of performance measurements, benchmarks and enforcement mechanisms to ensure that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") provides non-discriminatory access to its network elements as required by the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Member of ASCENT purchase network elements from BellSouth and therefore have an interest in the outcome of this proceeding. Granting this petition will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of these proceedings.

An order granting the petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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ORDER

For good cause shown, the Authority finds that the Association of Communication Enterprises ("ASCENT") is entitled to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310. ASCENT has an interest in the development of a common set of performance measurements, benchmarks and enforcement mechanisms to ensure that BellSouth provides non-discriminatory access to its network elements. The petition is therefore GRANTED.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director